

INTELLIGENT 421

Chapter 421 - 421: Another Sneak Attack

While Yu Qi was occupied with Long Hui, Grandpa Tang and his family were greeted by a girl with a sweet smile on her face. Grandpa Tang, of course, did not remember an insignificant people. So when the girl greeted him, Grandpa Tang only stared at her blankly.

However, Auntie Ming Yue and Auntie Su Xiao remembered the girl. It was Ling Zhu Yao, their distant relative, from Ling Family. His grandfather was that Ling Man.

"It's Ling Girl." Auntie Ming Yue greeted her.

"How are you, Aunties?" Ling Zhu Yao smiled.

"Ling Girl?" Grandpa Tang confused. Who was she?

"Father, she is the granddaughter of Ling Man." Uncle Tang Jung When refreshed Grandpa Tang's memory.

Grandpa Tang made 'O' on his mouth. He remembered about the shameless man who dared to frame his granddaughter. And he also wanted to covert his precious wine and from his granddaughter. The one that always wanted to suck up his Tang family by saying they were relative.

Grandpa Tang ignored her. His dislike toward Ling Zhu Yao could be seen on his face.

"Are you with your parents?" Auntie Su Xiao asked to avoid the awkwardness of this situation.

"No, I come here with my boyfriend." Ling Zhu Yao pointed to a man not far from her.

That man was Wei Hai Jin. The nephew of Wei Zhu Feng, minister of tourism. He saw Ling Zhu Yao pointing towards him, so he made a small nod to them. The women saw it and just nodded.

"I see." Auntie Ming Yue nodded.

"Well, aunties' sons are here too?" Ling Zhu Yao did not see the sons of the Tang Family around the party.

"They are working tonight. So, they don't come." Auntie Su Xiao answered.

"Oh, I see. But I hear that Grandpa Tang adopted a girl. Is she here too?" Ling Zhu Yao asked about Yu Qi.

"She is here but she has gone to see her friends." Auntie Ming Yue said. She looked around however she could not see her.

"Well, I don't have the opportunity to get to know her since she is not around. Okay, aunties, uncle, Grandpa Tang, I will go to my boyfriend now. See you again." Ling Zhu Yao bowed and left.

Ling Zhu Yao wanted to meet Grandpa Tang's beloved granddaughter face to face. She wanted to talk to the girl. She wanted to get know her since she had heard about the incident during the shooting competition.

The incident where the white powder was involved. Police just could catch the fake culprit but the mastermind was still in loose.

Well, Ling Zhu Yao would wait for another opportunity to meet her sooner or later.

"She is really like her grandfather. Know how to suck up to people." Grandpa Tang rolled his eyes.

Yu Qi returned back to the venue with Long Hui. Yu Qi went to Feng Yue who was currently talking to Zhu Sisters.

Seeing Yu Qi returned, Feng Yue wanted to tease her. Yu Qi was together with his Brother Hui alone. Who could not wonder what they were doing? They were not even at the venue. Feng Yue's eyes lifted up.

"Where have you been, hmm?" Feng Yue teased Yu Qi with a meaningful smile on her lips.

"Where do you think I'm?" Yu Qi asked.

Feng Yue saw Long Hui behind Yu Qi and chuckled. Long Hui maintained his cold face.

"I should not ask. Your secret is safe with me." Feng Yue nodded as she made a vow.

Yu Qi hit Feng Yue's head. "Nothing has happened. Don't think about it. "

"Ouch, Yu Qi, that hurts. You become more like my Brother Hui." Feng Yue complained about the pain on her head. She patted the area which was hurting due to Yu Qi's hit.

"That is because you should think about what you want to say first." Yu Qi replied.

Zhu Sisters laughed when seeing this scene. After a few whiles, Zhu Sisters excused themselves since her parents called them for something.

"Our parent has called us to go to them. Probably they want us to meet some men who have a possibility of becoming their son in law." Zhu Lao Lin said.

"I know the way to escape that." Feng Yue sounded her voice.

"Huh? How?" Zhu Lao Lin was interested to hear the idea.

"You should get your own boyfriend. That would shut up your parents ." Feng Yue laughed.

"That idea is not helping me." Zhu Lao Lin rolled her eyes.

"Sister, let's go now." Zhu Xiao Ling said. She then turned to Yu Qi. "Sister Yu Qi, see you again."

"Hmm." Yu Qi nodded.

Zhu Sisters left and went to their parents. Feng Yue excused herself to go to the restroom.

Long Hui did not say anything. He just stood here guarding his beloved Qi Qi while his eyes fixed on his beloved Qi Qi. Suddenly someone came and whispered something to Long Hui making his expression changed.

Yu Qi turned to Long Hui. Even though they were whispering, Yu Qi could hear. There had some problems occurred which needed his order.

"Qi Qi, I have to leave now. Something has happened." Long Hui was very upset to leave his beloved Qi Qi. He thought he could spend time with his beloved Qi Qi tonight. But he could not.

"Don't worry about me. Just go. We will meet again. I'm on my semester break right now. I will go to Shiwa Town soon. Maybe we can meet there." Yu Qi smiled.

"Okay. Don't forget about this." Long Hui took his time.

"About what?" Yu Qi confused.

"Don't fall in love with anyone else." Long Hui made a sneak attack by kissing her lips and left very quickly.

Yu Qi's eyes were opened bigger. She could not believe that this man would be so shameless kissing her at this party. It was truly unexpected. Feeling embarrassed, she went to a corner to hide. She relaxed.

Long Cui Lang came with two cups, probably juice in it. He came here together with Long Hua Hong. The siblings made different expressions on their face. One was smiling and another one was glaring at Yu Qi.

At first, Yu Qi was just staring blankly at the siblings but when her eyes fell on the cups, she slightly smiled when she saw the cups.

"Miss Tang, nice to meet you. I'm Long Cui Lang, well, I'm like a cousin to Hui. I assume that you have already met my sister earlier. Sorry for her earlier behaviour. Hua Hong, apologize to Miss Tang." Long Cai Lang called his sister.

"What? Why should I apologize to her? I don't do anything wrong." Long Hua Hong mumbled by herself. However, Long Cui Lang and Yu Qi could hear what she had said.

"Hua Hong, don't make me say it twice." Long Cui Lang glared to Long Hua Hong.

"Alright, alright. I apologize to you for my rude behaviour just now." Long Hua Hong apologized to Yu Qi when her brother gave her his warning.

"I hope as the sign that Miss Tang has forgiven her, will you drink this with me?" Long Cui Lang gave the cup to Yu Qi.

Yu Qi looked at the cup for the moment. Then she took the cup while smiling.

"Cheers." Long Cui Lang lifted up his cup and looked at Yu Qi.

Yu Qi also lifted her cup. Long Cui Lang drunk the juice in the cup as well as Yu Qi. Long Hua Hong on the other side, secretly smiled when she saw Yu Qi did not even hesitate to drink the juice inside the cup.

'Just wait for the thing to work. And your life will be ruined forever.' Long Hua Hong sneered.

Long Cui Lang also secretly smiled. He could not wait to feel this girl beneath him. Must be fun. Her skin must be very soft.

The siblings actually forgot about Long Hui. Who knew what would Long Hui be doing if he knew that this sibling had plotted against his beloved Qi Qi.

Chapter 422 - 422: Long Sibling's Plan

Because Long Hua Hong wanted it to have a faster reaction, she put more in the cup. It must be working right now. She looked at Yu Qi excitedly. Long Cui Lang also waited for it.

However, things did not go as they expected. Yu Qi seemed to be fine after she had finished the whole cup. Yu Qi did not say anything as she was observing the expression on the siblings.

"Are you okay?" Long Cui Lang asked curiously.

"What makes you think that I'm not okay though?" Yu Qi asked back.

"You..." Long Hua Hong made a terrible expression.

"If nothing else, I would like to excuse myself." Yu Qi left the siblings stunned about the scene.

Yu Qi wanted to go to the toilet. Party was a place that Yu Qi wanted to avoid. If it could not be avoided, she would attend less of them. There were many schemes in this kind of events.

As for that Long's side branch family, she needed to search for their information. It might be useful in the future if they dared to make a move against her again.

Meanwhile, the Long Sibling discussed in private about the matter earlier.

"Hua Hong, how could it is not working to her?" Long Cui Lang asked her sister.

"I don't know. I used a lot on her. It should be working." Long Hua Hong also feeling weird about it. She indeed used a lot of amount of that thing.

"But she is fine. No reaction at all." Long Cui Lang remembered Yu Qi's face did not change after she drunk the juice after a while.

"I don't know." Long Hua Hong also helpless about this.

"Hua Hong, the reaction is different on another person. Her reaction probably comes late. I will go and find her to see whether she has the reaction." Long Cui Lang said excitedly about his thinking.

"Okay. I will look for her too."

The siblings separated their ways and tried to find Yu Qi. Yu Qi currently walked out from the toilet. She should return to Tang Family since they would leave the party sooner or later.

This was tiring for her. Training her martial art or jogging, even practising her archery or shooting, she did not feel this tired. She sighed. However, when she wanted to enter the venue, someone wanted to get out and collided with her.

Thanks to her own body which had been trained every day, the collision was not very powerful for her, otherwise, she would fall on the ground. But the other person was not so lucky. She fell on the ground.

Yu Qi looked down and recognized the woman who had fallen down. It was Long Hua Hong. Long Hua Hong quickly glared up to the person who had collided with her. Her eyes lifted up when she saw Yu Qi in her vision.

"How long Miss Long wants to sit on the floor?" Yu Qi asked.

Hearing the question, Long Hua Hong quickly stood up. Hiding her angry thought, she smiled sweetly to Yu Qi.

"Miss Tang, I have been looking for you. Are you okay?" Long Hua Hong faked her smile.

"Why are you looking for me?" Yu Qi asked.

"Well, actually I want to be your friend. Earlier, I'm afraid that you don't want since Feng Yue might say something bad about me to you. But I still want to be your friend." Long Hua Hong still wanted to act innocently.

"Really?" Yu Qi decided to play with her a little bit.

"Yeah. Let's go somewhere private. We can have a talk. Since you are Brother Hui's girlfriend, I have many things to tell you. I know a lot of Brother Hui's secret." Long Hua Hong was feeling excited when Yu Qi seemed to believe her.

Long Hua Hong thought that Yu Qi already believed her. So she was acting intimately with Yu Qi by pulling Yu Qi's hand and pulled her to follow her somewhere. She disgusted herself when acted like this to someone like Yu Qi however thinking about what would happen afterwards made her managed to hold back.

Yu Qi wanted to laugh. This girl thought she was hiding so well but her face and eyes showed different things.

Long Hua Hong made a call to his brother while she was talking to Yu Qi just now. His brother already knew that Long Hua Hong would bring Yu Qi for him to enjoy the night. The two girls arrived at a room.

"Let's enter this room. We can talk in here." Long Hua Hong opened the room.

Long Hua Hong was about to push Yu Qi to enter the room. However, Yu Qi swiftly dodged her.

"Miss Tang, you better enter the room right now." Long Hua Hong threw the fake nice attitude. She glared to Yu Qi.

"You have nowhere to run." Long Cui Lang came out from the room which Long Hua Hong had opened.

"Is your talk going to be so nice?" Yu Qi asked Long Hua Hong.

"You bitch. No one can save you. Just go in and enjoy the night with my brother." Long Hua Hong sneered.

"Right Miss Tang, I just want to taste you once. Don't worry. I will not tell Hui about this. It will be our secret." Long Cui Lang stared lustily at Yu Qi's body imagining how nice that body would be when she was beneath him.

'He would not tell Brother Hui. But I will. I will not let a bitch like you stay beside my Brother Hui.' Long Hua Long said in her mind.

"Save me? I don't need other people to save myself." Yu Qi chuckled.

"Miss Tang, I don't like to settle it in a hard way. For your information, I have received military training before. You can not run away from me." Long Cui Lang smiled.

"Oh, really? I can try." Yu Qi replied.

"Brother, just knock out this bitch." Long Hua Hong said.

Long Cui Lang stepped forward. He made a move to Yu Qi. However, he was surprised when seeing that Yu Qi had easily dodged his attack.

Chapter 423 - 423: 10% Of Her Power Would Be Enough

Long Cui Lang frowned. He should have managed to catch this girl by now. But this girl had managed to escape from his range of attack.

"Have you received some kind of training too?" Long Cui Lang asked.

"Yeah. You can think so." Yu Qi smiled. What she had been training for were martial arts that had been practised were a thousand years old. She had combined them with modern martial arts.

"No wonder that Long Hui likes you." Long Cui Lang glared to Yu Qi.

"You have attacked me just now. So, now it is my turn to attack you." Yu Qi's eyes flashed a cold look.

Yu Qi approached Long Cui Lang. To deal with sc.u.m like him, she did not have to use her full power. Only 10% of it would be enough.

Long Cui Lang felt this girl had moved very fast. A blink of eyes, she was already in front of him. She lifted her leg and kicked Long Cui Lang on his stomach. Long Cui Lang did not manage to avoid the attack. So, when Yu Qi kicked him, he immediately fell on the ground.

Long Hua Hong opened her eyes bigger. She did not believe that his brother had lost to this girl. She stepped backwards when noticed that Yu Qi's eyes had shifted towards her.

"Don't come closer." Long Hua Hong scared when seeing Yu Qi's blank face which was void of expression.

Long Hua Hong managed to encourage herself to run away from Yu Qi. She needed to run away so that she could go and tell their parents about this. With that, she and her brother would be safe, if Yu Qi killed him, so she would be punished for this.

Yu Qi looked down to Long Cui Lang who was laying down on the ground. Long Cui Lang felt scared when seeing the look on Yu Qi's look. That was not a normal look that should have on a young girl.

While at the party, Long Hua Hong quickly approached her mother. She was running very fast to meet her parent.

"Mom..." She was breathing very hard.

"Calm down and tell me slowly. What happened?" Jang Su Ren said.

With a flushed look, Long Hua Hong said in a loud voice. "Mom, Brother Lang is about to be killed."

"What? Kill? Who dares to kill my son?" Jang Su Ren also spoke in a loud voice.

"That Tang Yu Qi." Long Hua Hong said.

Because Tang Family had stood not so far from the mother and daughter pair, they heard about the situation.

"What do you mean by my granddaughter wants to kill your brother?" Grandpa Tang interrupted.

"It is true. You can follow me to see them." Long Hua Hong said loudly because she wanted to destroy Yu Qi's reputation.

Long Hua Hong's parent, Tang Family, Feng Yue and Grandpa Long who had also heard about that followed Long Hua Hong to where Long Cui Lang and Yu Qi were. Other guests also wanted to follow and see but Grandpa Long asked his people to block them.

They went to Long Cui Lang and Yu Qi. When they arrived there, they could see Long Cui Lang was laying down on the ground, while Yu Qi was leaning to the wall. She seemed to be waiting for them to come.

Grandpa Tang quickly held the girl. He scanned the girl up and down. Seeing she was not injured, he was relieved.

While Jang Su Ren screamed horribly when she saw her son was laying on the floor.

"Cui Lang, what has happened with you?" Jang Su Ren wanted to lift up her son.

But Long Cui Lang shouted in pain, demanding that his mother should not move him carelessly.

"Don't move me. I'm hurt." Long Cui Lang said.

"You bitch. You must be the one who has hurt my son." Jang Su Ren wanted to get Yu Qi, however, she was being protected by her family.

Long Chua was calm. He looked at Yu Qi and asked. "Did you hurt my son?"

"Yes. I did." Yu Qi admitted.

"See, she admitted. How dare you hurt my son?" Jang Su Ren was so angry.

"You should ask why I hit him." Yu Qi eerie voice sounded.

"Humph, I bet you were just angry that my son doesn't like you and you like him." Jang Su Ren said with confidence.

Others who heard this wondered where did she get the confidence saying something like that.

The first to laugh was Feng Yue. "Auntie, you are very funny. Yu Qi is my Brother Hui's girlfriend. If she has a boyfriend like my Brother Hui, I don't think that Yu Qi would like someone with that face." Feng Yue mocked Long Cui Lang. He was not handsome like Long Hui.

"You..." Jang Su Ren glared to Feng Yue.

"Then tell me, why have you hit him?" Grandpa Long took initiative to ask Yu Qi about that.

"Because he has planned to r.a.p.e me." Yu Qi stated why she had hit Long Cui Lang loud and clear.

"What?" All of them very shocked.

"No! My son would not do something like that. You just want to accuse him, don't?you?" Jang Su Ren was very angry when hearing Yu Qi said something like that.

Grandpa Tang was already glaring to Long Cui Lang with a killing stare. How dare this bastard wanted to r.a.p.e his beloved granddaughter?

"It must be investigated properly." Grandpa Long said. "But first call the ambulance to take your son to the hospital for treatment. I assume he has broken his ribs."

Chapter 424 - 424: He Is So Weak Even My Niece Can Beat Him

Long Chua called the ambulance. Luckily the ambulance was parked not far away from the venue that party was held.

Grandpa Long asked one of his men to inform his guests that he would withdraw from the party first. Grandpa Long invited Long Chua's Family, Tang Family and others involved to go to a room. Because of Grandpa Long's status, everyone had followed him. Grandpa Tang also followed it but his mind complained to Grandpa Long.

"Now, let's hear from Yu Qi and Long Hua Hong." Grandpa Long said.

"As I said, she wants to kill my brother. I invited her to talk with us. But she..." Long Hua Hong shivered when her eyes came crossed with Yu Qi's eyes.

"I will tell you a full version of it." Yu Qi began to speak.

"Tell us." Grandpa Long said.

"When I was alone, Long Hua Hong and Long Cui Lang came and talked to me. Long Cui Lang asked his sister to apologize to me for speaking rudely earlier when I was with Yue. As for the sign of forgiveness, Long Cui Lang offered me a cup of juice. So, I drink it. After that, I had left to go to the ladies. When I was about to return to the venue, I collided with Long Hua Hong." Yu Qi looked at Long Hua Hong and smiled before continuing her story.

"She began to act intimately with me saying that she wanted to be my friend. She said we should have a nice talk since I'm Brother Hui's girlfriend. She also said that she knew many of Brother Hui's secret." Yu Qi told them.

"I don't know that you are closer to Brother Hui for you to know his secrets." Feng Yue smirked.

Long Hua Hong clenched her fist and glared at Feng Yue.

"So, I follow her. She took me to a room. She opened the room and tried to push me inside. But I had dodged her. Then, Long Cui Lang came out from that room. He boldly said he wanted me to spend a night with him and he would keep the secret from Brother Hui."

These sentences made Tang Family especially Grandpa Tang frowned. 'That useless man had dared to think of laying his hands on my beloved granddaughter.'

Grandpa Long also frowned. He did not care about Long Cui Lang but snatching his future granddaughter in law was out of questions.

"Mom, don't believe her. She is lying. I invite her just for a talk. That's all." Long Hua Hong tried to influence others not to believe Yu Qi. She could not believe that Yu Qi would expose them just like this.

"Then, tell me. Why did you try to push me into the room in which your brother was?" Yu Qi posed a question to Long Hua Hong.

"I... I... I don't try to push you. And I just want us to have a nice talk with my brother." Long Hua Hong managed to think of an excuse.

"Oh, really? Then when I had refused, why did you and your brother try to knock me out?" Yu Qi threw a question again.

"Knock you out? No, we don't do such a thing." Long Hua Hong shouted. 'Why is this bitch so hard to deal with?'

"Long Cui Lang had attacked me first. I had just retaliated. In the end, he is too weak. It makes me wonder what he has been talking about receiving military training is true or not." Yu Qi snorted.

"You, how dare you talk about my son like that?" Jang Su Ren pointed to Yu Qi.

"What is wrong about that? Your son was trying to lay his hands on my niece and got beaten. It is the truth. And he is so weak even my niece can beat him." Auntie Ming Yue stepped forward protecting Yu Qi behind her back.

"That's right. How did he dare to do something like this?" Auntie Su Xiao also acted like Auntie Ming Yue.

Yu Qi smiled. Her family had protected her like this. It made a cold heart melted instantly.

"My son would not do something like that." Jang Su Ren said angrily.

"Then, tell me why did your son try to use aphrodisiac on me?" Yu Qi smiled while looking at Long Hua Hong.

Long Hua Hong was very shocked when she heard Yu Qi said something like that. 'How could she know about it? Has she heard about our plan?'

"You are probably asking in your mind, how do I know about your wicked plan?" Yu Qi saw Long Hua Hong's expression.

"You probably don't know that I'm a doctor to be and trained by my grandfather about the smell of the herbs. I have a sensitive nose. Because of that, I can smell something off when your brother has given the cup to me." Yu Qi explained to them.

"No. We don't do anything like that." Long Hua Hong did not admit that.

"I know that you would not admit that. But what if I can prove it?" Yu Qi narrowed her eyes.

Long Hua Hong shivered when she looked at Yu Qi's eyes. She never meets someone like this girl.

"What can you do to prove it, humph?" Jang Su Ren was facing Yu Qi so she did not realize her daughter's face turned to bad.

"If you can not prove it, I will sue you." Jang Su Ren continued.

Long Hua Hong basically shaking. She clenched her fists to make sure it was not seen by others. She convinced herself that Yu Qi was just bluffing.

Chapter 425 - 425: Exposed

"To put aphrodisiac into my drink, meaning you have already prepared the aphrodisiac before you have come to this party." Yu Qi began to speak. "I guess one of you must have the aphrodisiac with you right now."

Grandpa Long immediately asked one of the female officers to search Long Hua Hong. Hearing the order, Long Hua Hong quickly stepped behind her mother.

"Mom, I don't want them to search. I don't want people to humiliate me like this." Long Hua Hong used her mother as her shield.

"Miss Long, we just want to search your body. Not to humiliate you. If you feel embarrassed, we can search you inside the bathroom over there" The female officer said with the stoic expression.

"Hong-er, just go. It will make these people shut up." Jang Su Ren said.

Long Hua Hong could not refuse anymore when her own mother said something like that. Feeling unwilling, Long Hua Hong entered the bathroom with one of the female officers.

Long Hua Hong needed to think about something. When they entered the bathroom, Long Hua Hong decided to bring out a suspicious bottle. She wanted to hide it somewhere here before the female officer searching for her.

However, before she managed to hide that, the female officer grabbed her hand that held the suspicious bottle.

"I think I don't have to search your body right?" The female officer smirked. She forcefully took the bottle from Long Hua Hong's hand.

The female officer got out of the bathroom. The people outside were feeling the body search was ended so quickly. Long Hua Hong also came out with a flushed face.

"The result?" Grandpa Long asked the female officer.

The female officer handed out the suspicious bottle. There was still the liquid inside the bottle. Seeing the bottle, Jang Su Ren was panic.

"No, that does not belong to my daughter. You must have cooperated with this bitch." Jang Su Ren pointed towards the female officer.

"Madam, you better think before using your mouth. Or I will sue you according to the military law that you have slandered a soldier without any evidence." The female officer replied without anger.

"And this is my first meeting with Miss Tang." The female officer continued.

Grandpa Long gave a look to Jang Su Ren. She immediately shut up her mouth. Grandpa Tang stepped forward.

"Let me see that." Grandpa Tang demanded the bottle.

Grandpa Long gave to Grandpa Tang. Grandpa Tang opened the bottle and smelled the liquid inside the bottle.

"It is indeed the aphrodisiac." Grandpa Tang confirmed it.

"No, you are lying." Jang Su Ren said.

"You can give it to the hospital to analyse the liquid for confirmation." Grandpa Tang stared at Jang Su Ren.

Grandpa Long looked at the Long Hua Hong. Seeing Long Hua Hong's expression, it must be the truth.

"Then, you know that we put the aphrodisiac, you should be affected by the aphrodisiac since you drink that juice. Why are you not affected by the aphrodisiac?" Long Hua Hong screamed demanding the explanation.

"Yeah. My daughter is true. If it is true you drink the juice, why are you still okay?" Jang Su Ren felt they still had a hope to overturn this.

"Because my body is immune to that kind of things." Yu Qi just smiled.

Long Hua Hong and Jang Su Ren were speechless. Right now, they did not have anything to defend themselves. Grandpa Long sighed.

"I will give an explanation to you later." Grandpa Long looked at Grandpa Tang.

"You better. Yu Qi, let's go home." Grandpa Tang pulled Yu Qi with him.

Uncle Tang Jung Wen, Auntie Ming Yue and Auntie Su Xiao looked at each other and chuckled. Their father only had his granddaughter in his eyes.

They left the party.

"I have never thought that this party would be over like this." Auntie Ming Yue said.

"I suppose that siblings might face wrath from the great general." Auntie Su Xiao commented.

"That girl should be taught. It must be their parents who have taught them that way. Looking at the mother who was foolishly protecting her daughter." Grandpa Tang was still angry.

"Anyway, why I don't see Long Hui?" Uncle Tang Jung Wen asked.

"Oh, some problems occurred in the military which needs his command." Yu Qi explained.

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Grandpa Long stared at the three people in the room. Long Chua was very embarrassed with his daughter and her son. He was busy managing his company. So, all about his children's matter, his wife did the management. He did not expect that his obedient son and his sweet daughter would be doing something like this. And at the worse, got caught in front of his uncle.

Jang Su Ren also kept her mouth shut up. She was scared. Her husband's uncle was indeed worthy of his name as the great general.

The one who felt worse was Long Hua Hong. She felt waiting for Grandpa Long to talk like years.

"Investigate all of their crimes." Grandpa Long opened his mouth ordering his men.

"Yes, Sir." The men left the room.

"Grandpa Long, please forgive me. I swear I will never do something like this again." Long Hua Hong begged.

"If my granddaughter in law was not smart, she would have destroyed by you two." Grandpa Long bang the table in front of him.

The three of them were surprised when Grandpa Long banged the table. Grandpa Long was very angry. He had tolerated his family since Long Chua was his nephew. However, they wanted to touch Long Hui's girl. They invited death into their door.

Grandpa Long did not know what that brat would do if he heard about what happened to his girl. He could see that brat was really protective of his girl.

"I will tell you one thing. I will not protect you, especially from Hui. You know that brat is protective to his people. I don't know what will happen to you." Grandpa Long told them.

Long Chua and Jang Su Ren changed their expression. They knew it. They had been in that situation before. Long Chua clenched both of his fists. His children had made trouble for him. He could not suffer from the attack like the previous one. His company would be collapsed.

Chapter 426 - 426: Free Lunch

Yu Qi returned to the Shiwa Town together with Grandpa Tang. It had been so long since she had gone to Grandpa Tang's house. She wanted to see her ryokan and greenhouse as well.

Before she had left, she sent two jugs of the medicinal wine to Grandpa Long. Grandpa Long was very happy receiving the medicinal wine.

As for Long Hua Hong and Long Cui Lang, Grandpa Long had investigated the siblings. Turned out they were doing the same thing to other women. Usually, the women that had a bad relationship with Long Hua Hong or someone with whom she was jealous of.

Long Hua Hong would use the same technique by pretending that she wanted to talk. Then she would give the aphrodisiac to the girls. After the girls were stimulated, Long Cui Lang would r.a.p.e them and filmed it.

In the morning, they would be threatened with the tape. Saying that they had to keep their mouths shut otherwise, the tape would be over the internet. So the girls kept silent.

Yu Qi did not trust Long Cui Lang. So, she investigated herself about this. She hacked to Long Cui Lang's personal email and found something. This bastard, Long Cui Lang did not keep his promise. He had ended up opening a website to show and upload all the video to the internet. It was a pay website. So, if someone watched the video, he would get the money.

Yu Qi handed the evidence that she had found to Grandpa Long. Grandpa Long was surprised by this piece of evidence. He did not expect that Long Cui Lang was someone like this. Grandpa Long asked where did she get the evidence. Yu Qi said that she got a friend who was very good in IT, so she asked his help to investigate Long Cui Lang.

Grandpa Long said he would handle the evidence to the law enforcement and let them decide what to do with Long Cui Lang and also Long Hua Hong. She also was a part of this. She would be punished as well.

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Yu Qi walked to the greenhouse. Seeing their boss had come to visit, the employees who saw her, came and greeted her. As for the new employees, they were stunned when their seniors had greeted the beautiful lady. So, one of them asked the other.

"Brother Cho, why are you greeting that girl very respectfully?"

"Of course we need to respect her. After all, Miss Yu Qi is our big boss."

"Owner of this greenhouse?"

"Yes."

"I know that our big boss is a woman but I don't expect that she is a young girl."

"Miss Yu Qi is in her early twenties. She is a future doctor."

"Wow, future doctor."

They were discussing their big boss. The doctor was a very respectful profession which everyone respected.

"But does she know about these plant that we take care of?"

"Idiot. All of our techniques have been taught by Miss Yu Qi."

"Wow. She is amazing."

While the girl that they been talking about was going to the office. Song Tao was inside the office doing his work.

"Brother Tao, long time no see." Yu Qi greeted him.

"Oh, Miss Yu Qi." Song Tao greeted her back.

"How's our greenhouse?" Yu Qi asked.

"So far so good. Our order has increased by time to time as well as our profit." Song Tao said.

"It's good then." Yu Qi was happy with his management.

"Miss Yu Qi wants to see the account?" Song Tao asked.

"No need, I believe you." Yu Qi shook her head. She knew she could trust Song Tao.

"Well, I want to go and see the herbs which I have brought back from Fanghai Nation." Yu Qi remembered the seeds that she brought back from Fanghai Nation.

"I will bring you there." Song Tao walked together with Yu Qi.

They walked to the herb section. They could hear the voice of Song Tai ordering the workers for doing their jobs. When Song Tai saw Yu Qi here, he quickly went to greet her.

"Miss Yu Qi." Song Tai was happy to see Yu Qi.

"Brother Tai, how's the work?" Yu Qi asked.

"Miss Yu Qi, you don't need to worry with me here." Song Tai said while patting his chest.

Yu Qi laughed. She knew Song Tai's personality. Even though he was like this but his work was perfect. He tended the herbs like his own child.

"Brother Tai, I want to see the herbs which I have brought out from Fanghai Nation. Are they growing well?" Yu Qi wanted to know.

"Spring Root and Bianca Flower are growing up nicely but Anise Hyssop was very difficult to take care. Out of 50 that we have planted, only half of them have survived." Song Tai explained.

"Well, that is good. Meaning we are making progress. Others can not even grow them here." Yu Qi was definitely happy with this achievement.

The herbs that could not grow in the Binhai Nation finally could. It was the biggest achievement.

"I will buy lunch for all of you for today." Yu Qi said.

"Really? Okay. I will tell everyone by our PA system." Song Tai went to the office happily.

Song Tao sighed. His twin was like a kid even though they were twin but had a different personality. The only common thing that they had was their love towards the herbs.

Yu Qi laughed seeing their reaction. Yu Qi called the nearby restaurant to order for her employees' lunch.

"Brother Tao, how many workers we currently have now?" Yu Qi wanted to know the exact number of her employees.

"It is 168 people in total." Song Tao answered.

"Okay." Yu Qi nodded.

So she ordered about 200 packed lunch in case they wanted to eat more and not forget about his beloved dog, Aoi.

Then they heard Song Tai's voice through the PA System.

"Hello guys, today we are having a free lunch. It's our big boss treat." Song Tai happily announced that.

Then Yu Qi could hear the excited shouts around.

Chapter 427 - 427: Visit Chui Mei Fung Parent

For the next day, Yu Qi went to the ryokan. Chui Mei Fung welcomed their big boss. Chui Mei Fung reported everything happened in the ryokan. Seeing the report, Yu Qi only could smile. Her ryokan was doing so well. Under Chui Mei Fung management, she did not worry at all.

"Sister Mei Fung, I will give you three days holiday." Yu Qi said to Chui Mei Fung.

Chui Mei Fung stunned. She did not expect that her big boss would give her a break. However, when she thought about the ryokan, she felt that she did not need a break.

"Miss Yu Qi, I don't think I need a break." Chui Mei Fung said.

"Why?" Yu Qi asked. Why was she did not want to take a break?

"I feel restless if I don't work." Chui Mei Fung could not think the right reason.

"Is that so? Then, this is my order to you. Sister Mei Fung, you will take a week break. You can do something to entertain yourself." Since Chui Mei Fung did not want to do it, Yu Qi would order her.

Chui Mei Fung laughed. Normally, other employers would be delighted when their employees did not take days off. Her boss was a really unusual boss.

"Okay, Miss Yu Qi." Chui Mei Fung did not have a choice but to follow her boss's order. "But what should I do?"

Chui Mei Fung could not think what should she do during the days off. Since she signed the contract with Yu Qi, she devoted herself to taking revenge but now she did not have any desire to complete the revenge. She thought it was useless.

That man already lived his life, so she did too. She was also thankful to him divorcing him since she got to know a nice boss like Yu Qi.

"You can go to visit your parent's grave. They probably miss you." Yu Qi said. She knew that Chui Mei Fung's parent already died. That was why after she had been divorced by the man, she wanted to suicide since she did not have anyone else.

Hearing Yu Qi mentioned her parent, she remembered them. Her parent actually did not agree that Chui Mei Fung married to that man. But since their daughter liked the man so much, they allowed her to get married to him.

After married, Chui Mei Fung distanced herself from her own parent. Only her parent died in a car accident, she went back. She got criticized by the villagers. At that time, she did not feel guilty since she thought it was not her fault that they died. After heard story from the villagers, her parent missed her and wanted to see her so much, that was why they travelled and got in the car accident.

Two months after her parent died, she caught her husband cheating. However, when she wanted to confront her husband, she was in bed with another man in an inappropriate state. Her husband caught her with their neighbours.

Then her husband divorced her saying he was ashamed that he had been raised a whore. Her house, money, all snatched by her ex-husband.

"Yeah. I should go there." Chui Mei Fung said.

"When do you want to go?" Yu Qi asked.

"Eh, why are you asking?" Chui Mei Fung asked back.

"Well, I have some work in your hometown. I can send you back." Yu Qi told her.

Yu Qi wanted to do a market survey on Chui Mei Fung's market. She wanted to go and see which business dominate the market there.

"Sure, why not?" Chui Mei Fung nodded. "I want to go tomorrow."

"Okay. I will go and fetch you at the mansion." Yu Qi said.

Most of the ryokan employees that came from the far place and did not have a house to stay would be staying at Yu Qi's mansion near the lake. Yu Qi asked the foreman to renovate the mansion into the hostel.

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Yu Qi drove his grandfather's car. She already got her driving license. Yu Qi took Chui Mei Fung. Chui Mei Fung was pretty surprised when she saw Yu Qi in the driver seat. She did not expect that her boss already got her driving license and would become her driver for today.

"Don't worry. I'm a good driver." Yu Qi thought Chui Mei Fung was afraid to get in the car when seeing her in the driver seat.

"Oh, okay." Chui Mei Fung entered the car.

The journey took about 40 minutes. This was a small city. Chui Mei Fung displayed a small smile. It was rather a sad smile. She remembered the city very well. It was her birthplace. And also the place that she grew up.

"Where are you going first?" Yu Qi asked ended Chui Mei Fung's thought.

"I want to go to my parent's grave." Chui Mei Fung said.

So, Chui Mei Fung guided Yu Qi to drive to the graveyard. Chui Mei Fung got out from the car as well as Yu Qi.

Chui Mei Fung gave a questioning look to Yu Qi.

Yu Qi smiled and said. "I want to pay respect to your parent too since I'm here."

"Oh, let's go." Chui Mei Fung nodded.

They went to Chui Mei Fung's parent grave. Her parent had been buried beside each other. That was their wish. Her parent was a loving couple. Though it was an arranged marriage, they began to know and love each other.

Chapter 428 - 428: Chui Mei Fung's Ex-Husband

Chui Mei Fung saw her parent's grave. It was kind of dirty. Lucky to her, she already thought nobody would clean their parent. So she went all out from the cleaning equipment.

At first, Yu Qi also kind of wonder why did Chui Mei Fung bring those things. However, seeing the state of the grave, she understood.

Arriving at the grave, Chui Mei Fung cleaned her parent's grave. Yu Qi also helped. At first, Chui Mei Fung did not allow her but after Yu Qi persuaded her, she allowed Yu Qi to help.

One hour later, they finished cleaning the grave. Chui Mei Fung knelt on her knee. She began paying her respect to her parent. She could not hold back her tear.

"Mum, Dad, I'm sorry. I was stupid not to hear your advise. I'm sorry... I'm sorry." Chui Mei Fung cried.

She poured out all of her sadness, her suffering, her regret. She was sad that she did not stay with her parent. She regretted her decision on marrying the man without considering her parent's thought.

Meanwhile, Yu Qi stood there, also greeted Chui Mei Fung's parent. Yu Qi also said that their child was living well in this lifetime, unlike the previous one. So, they did not have to worry about their daughter anymore.

They stayed in front of the grave for about 45 minutes. Chui Mei Fung seemed to already calm down. Her face also seemed to brighten up. Maybe because she already loosened the knot inside her heart.

"Miss Yu Qi, thank you for accompanying me coming here. I actually don't have the courage to come here. But with your help, I managed to. Thank you so much." Chui Mei Fung thanked Yu Qi and gave her 90-degree bow.

"There is no need for this. You are my employee. If I can help you, I will help you." Yu Qi helped Chui Mei Fung to stand.

Then, their stomach made a sound. They were stunned hearing that their stomach made sounds at the same time. They ended up with laughs. It already 2 p.m in the evening. No wonder their stomach already made the protests.

"Let's go and have lunch." Yu Qi said after they stopped laughing.

They went to find a restaurant. They found a restaurant and entered the restaurant. They ordered the food that they wanted to eat. Lucky to Yu Qi, Aoi did not come with her. Aoi was being lazy nowadays with Sister Chu Xiao pampered him with food. She felt that when she returned home, she should train him back so that he would not being lazy anymore.

They were having a late lunch. However, the food was pretty delicious that they eat until it cleaned. Then, when Yu Qi wanted to settle the payment, she could hear that someone was calling for Chui Mei Fung.

"Chui Mei Fung?" A man called for Chui Mei Fung.

Chui Mei Fung did not turn around to see who was the person that called her. She already knew who he was from his voice. She still could not forget the voice that ruined her life two years ago.

"Chui Mei Fung?" The man called again.

This time, Chui Mei Fung turned and faced the man. She looked straight at the man with slightly arrogance on her face.

"It is really you, Mei Fung." The man said with a longing tone in his voice. He then asked Chui Mei Fung the question. "How are you?"

"I'm fine." Chui Mei Fung said.

She scanned Kwang Yang his ex-husband. He looked the same as they last met during their divorce.

Same as Chui Mei Fung, Kwang Yang also scanned his ex-wife. She looked the same but she became more and more beautiful. She also looked very confident. She already changed her style on dressing up.

"What are you doing here?" Kwang Yang wanted to strike a conversation with his ex-wife.

"None of your business." Chui Mei Fung said while glanced to Yu Qi that still in settling the payment.

"Mei Fung, can we have a talk?" Kwang Yang asked.

"For what?" Chui Mei Fung looked at Kwang Yang.

Kwang Yang saw Chui Mei Fung seemed did not interest to talk with him. "Mei Fung, I just want..."

"Sister Mei Fung, do you need some time?" Yu Qi already settled the payment and she approached Chui Mei Fung. She saw Chui Mei Fung with someone.

"No need, Miss Yu Qi. I don't have anything to say with him." Chui Mei Fung said to Yu Qi.

Kwang Yang looked at the girl that talked to Chui Mei Fung. It was no doubt that this beautiful girl came from a rich family looking from her temper and her aura. 'This girl called Mei Fung 'sister'. Is she have a relationship with a rich family?' His eyes showed the desire to continue back his relationship with Chui Mei Fung. If he could continue back, he might get the benefit from her.

"Mei Fung, please listen to me first." Kwang Yang begged Chui Mei Fung.

"Kwang Yang, why should I listen to you? We have divorced three years ago. We have nothing to say to each other." Chui Mei Fung snorted.

"Mei Fung, I actually regret my decision back there. Please give me one chance to redeem my fault." Kwang Yang went over by kneeling in front of Chui Mei Fung by everyone's eyes.

Kwang Yang felt that Chui Mei Fung would be soft-hearted when seeing him begging like this. And she could not reject him in front of people just like that.

Chapter 429 - 429: Which One Is the Truth?

"Girl, you should give him a chance."

"Yeah, he has already begged you like this."

The onlookers gave their support to the man who had kneeled down on the ground. They thought it was very pitiful for the man. Seeing the man kneeled down like this, they thought that he was worth given the forgiveness.

Yu Qi who stood beside Chui Mei Fung was only silent. She wanted to see how Chui Mei Fung would handle this situation.

Chui Mei Fung suddenly burst in laughing. She took everyone's attention.

"Kwang Yang, you are very funny." Chui Mei Fung was still laughing when she said the sentence.

Everyone was silent when Chui Mei Fung said that. They wondered why this woman was saying something like that. She should be touched when a man treated her like this.

"I still remember the words which you had said to me three years ago after our divorce. Do you need me to recall back those words for you?" Chui Mei Fung suddenly stopped laughing and glared down at Kwang Yang.

Yu Qi smiled when hearing this. She was glad that Chui Mei Fung had already changed. She was not a soft-hearted girl who would just forgive the man after what he had done to her three years ago.

Kwang Yang was shocked. Even his eyes had opened wide. She should be touched by what he did just now. Why?

"Kwang Yang, you cheated on me with another woman. Before you divorced me, you schemed against me by asking someone to sleep with me because you wanted people to know that I was cheating, so that you did not have to pay the alimony. Not only that, but you also cheated my property. Do you want to make me say more?" Chui Mei Fung crossed her hands around her body and mentioned the hidden fact which everyone should not know.

Everyone heard about it and were silent. They did not expect the man would be so despicable. They gave a disgusted look to Kwang Yang. Kwang Yang was panicking. People must not believe this nonsense. Otherwise, he would not be able to live in this city anymore.

"Mei Fung, I know that you are angry with me because I divorced you at that time. But you are the one who cheated first." Kwang Yang wanted to reverse the situation.

"Kwang Yang, I already did not care about you. If you have a lot of time, you should take care of your ex-mistress." Chui Mei Fung smirked.

Yu Qi chuckled. 'Ex-mistress is the right term.'

"Mei Fung, you can..." Kwang Yang wanted to say something.

"Miss Yu Qi, let's go." Chui Mei Fung just walked passed Kwang Yang, ignoring the man.

"I don't expect that this man is shameless."

"Which one of the two is true?"

"Maybe they had cheated each other together."

"But in the end, as that woman said that she was penniless and her house was robbed by this man. I think that woman's story is the true one."

"Well, if they have already divorced then it is over. Why does the man want to tie the knot back if he has divorced her because of the cheating?"

"Well, we can see that the woman is living quite a good life after being divorced by this man. He probably wants to scheme her money again."

"Yeah, yeah... It is probably the truth."

The onlookers discussed Chui Mei Fung and Kwang Yang's story. Kwang Yang who was still there could hear about them. Kwang Yang felt embarrassed. He quickly stood up and left the place.

"I don't expect to see him." Chui Mei Fung said.

"From what we can see, he does not have a good life." Yu Qi commented.

"Serves him right." Chui Mei Fung snorted.

"Karma sure comes." Yu Qi smirked.

"Miss Yu Qi, you can drop me at my parents' house. It is around here." Chui Mei Fung asked.

"Can I spend the night there too?" Yu Qi was lazy to find a hotel around.

"I bet the house is full of spider-webs. It is not convenient for Miss Yu Qi to stay there." Chui Mei Fung said.

"Don't worry. We can clean them together. It would be faster than doing it alone." Yu Qi smiled.

"Okay." Chui Mei Fung just accepted her boss' request.

Chui Mei Fung gave the direction of her house. It was a single house. It was either too big nor too small. Just nice.

They entered the house. Chui Mei Fung switched on the lamp. Yu Qi actually forgot to ask whether the house had electricity or not. But seeing this, the electricity was still working.

Chui Mei Fung saw his boss' questioning look. She quickly explained to Yu Qi.

"Actually, after I have signed the contract with Miss Yu Qi. I made the payment for two years of electricity and water supply. Then after I have come back from Japan, I continue to pay it. That is why electricity is still working." Chui Mei Fung explained.

"Oh, I see." Yu Qi nodded. "Well, let's get start cleaning this house."

The two of them started to clean the house. They started from the living room, dining room, kitchen and as well as the two bedrooms. They worked very fast. After four hours of cleaning, the house was as clean as new.

"Finally, it is done." Chui Mei Fung sat and took a rest. She then turned to Yu Qi. "Thank you, Miss Yu Qi."

"Well, since we have already used the energy, my stomach starts to feel hungry again." Yu Qi placed her hand on her stomach.

Chui Mei Fung laughed. "Yeah, me too. We should take a bath before going out for dinner."

"Yeah."

Chapter 430 - 430: Another Familiar Person

For the next day, the two of them walked around the city. Yu Qi tried to find the shop which sold the herbs so that she might have a deal with them. The city was quite big. It was very lively. It burst with people and the business was very good here.

Yu Qi thought if she did not find the herbs shop in the city, she would have to open one here. Even though the herbs shop might not be so popular but there would be people who needed them.

"Please brother, don't hit me. Don't hit me."

Yu Qi heard something. From the hearing, a group of people had been hitting someone. Yu Qi was not a good person but since she heard something like this, she could not help but to go and see it.

"Sister Mei Fung, please wait for me here. Don't go anywhere." Yu Qi said to Chui Mei Fung who was currently eating something cold on a hot day.

"Huh, where are you going to go?" Chui Mei Fung asked.

"I need to do something." Yu Qi just smiled without explaining to Chui Mei Fung.

"Oh, okay. Careful." Chui Mei Fung did not want to be a busybody. Her boss must have something to do.

Yu Qi quickly went to the direction from where the voice had emitted. It was behind the alley. She could see about three men who had surrounded a man.

"Lawyers must have a lot of money. You can give a sum amount of money to us." The man who was hitting told the man who was currently sitting on the ground with bruises on his face.

Yu Qi watched them and was surprised to see someone whom she could recognize from her previous life. It was the man who had bruises on his face. She remembered him. A famous lawyer who would be an idol in the law world.

Ming Xuehai. That was his name. She had first met with him in her previous life when he came to Fanghai Nation together with Bai Shu Jin to discuss some deals with Mu Group. Yu Qi was the representative for Mu Group.

She had long heard about his name during that time. She was impressed by how a man like him stood up against the pressure and became the best lawyer in the nation. Because of that, Bai Shu Jin had tried so many ways to pull Ming Xuehai to his side.

However, the current situation was not good for Ming Xuehai. He was still young and did not have a connection to someone. In her previous life, even Ming Xuehai had his own personal bodyguards.

Yu Qi must pull Ming Xuehai to her side. Since she also needed a lawyer. She currently walked to the group.

The three men realized that someone approached them. They were immediately on the guard. However, when they saw only a beautiful and slender girl came, they relaxed.

One of the men approached Yu Qi with a lustily stare, looking at Yu Qi's nice body. This girl would be best when she was beneath the man. He licked his own lips.

"Young girl, come here and play with brother. I will take care of you nicely." The man once again licked his lips.

"Yeah, I also would like to play with you." Once Yu Qi finished the sentence, she gave a nice present to the man by kicking his stomach.

The man fell on the ground hissing in pain while placing his hands on his stomach. The other two men immediately realized that the girl had kicked their brother.

"You bitch, how dare you to kick my brother?" The men shouted angrily. They tried to attack Yu Qi.

Since when Yu Qi would be so nice to wait for others to attack her. She gave one kick to each of them. One at the stomach, one at the head. The man who was kicked at the head knocked out.

Ming Xuehai was shocked to see a beautiful girl came and rescued him. It was like 'Hero saves the damsel in distress'. In this case, the damsel was Ming Xuehai while the hero was Yu Qi. Ming Xuehai looked at Yu Qi with admiration. She was like a goddess to him right now.

"Are you okay?" Yu Qi asked Ming Xuehai who stared at her blankly.

Ming Xuehai did not react but stared at his goddess.

"Hey, speak if you are okay?" This time, Yu Qi patted Ming Xuehai's shoulder.

Ming Xuehai was stunned. "Yes. Yes. I'm okay. Thank you, goddess." Ming Xuehai nodded.

"Goddess?" Yu Qi looked at Ming Xuehai weirdly. 'Is this man okay at his head?' She could not help but wonder herself.

"I mean, thank you, miss, for helping me. Otherwise, I might be killed by them." Ming Xuehai was very embarrassed when his tongue slipped the word goddess. He just meant to call her a goddess in his heart only.

"Can you stand up?" Yu Qi asked again.

"Yeah, I think so." Ming Xuehai tried to stand up. Luckily the men did not hit his legs.

Yu Qi and Ming Xuehai walked away from the alley and went to Chui Mei Fung. When Chui Mei Fung saw them, she immediately stood up.

"Miss Yu Qi, do you hit this young man?" Chui Mei Fung asked in shock.

"Sister Mei Fung, is my character so bad in your eyes?" Yu Qi's eyes twitched when she heard Chui Mei Fung's question.

Chui Mei Fung only grinned. Her boss was a strong girl. She could fight men. That was why she was asking.

"No, no, she has saved me. These bruises have come from the men who hit me." Ming Xuehai quickly explained so that his goddess would not be misunderstood.

"Thank you, miss, for saving me. I'm Ming Xuehai, by the way. " Ming Xuehai excitedly as he introduced his name to his goddess.

Chui Mei Fung watched Mung Xuehai. She sighed. This man might have already fallen in love with her boss. Well, she understood. Well, her boss was very beautiful and charismatic. She saved the man like a hero saving the damsel. Even though the roles were reversed but still it was the same story.